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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I appreciate your interest and your efforts for me as noted in your letter of January 16.

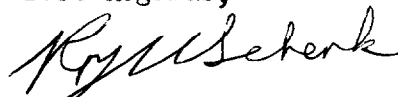
The status of our research grant is as follows: We are supported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Last year funds for extramural research by USDA were so tight that they could renew our grant for only one year. Last week, the USDA person in charge of our grant stopped by and told us again that their funds were far more restricted this year than last, and that there seemed to be little hope for finding the money to continue this work.

I am working as a project associate with Dr. A. C. Hildebrandt as "Principal Investigator". My salary is tied to the research grant, and of course I have no commitment from the University except for this grant.

There appears to be support for the project up thru the Crops Research Division; so a decision would come from higher up. However, I don't think any real decision has been made concerning support. It is just an overall restriction of funds which makes money for extramural research unavailable, coupled with the inertia and ineffectual communication common to bureaucracy.

I could wish the USDA would activate their Pioneering Genetics Laboratory into which I would fit well; but obviously funds are not available for this either.

Best Regards,



Roy U. Schenk,  
Research Associate

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